(b) the steps taken by the Government through their representatives to press their view-points on the question of taxation on various subjects and commodities?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir. The Taxation Enquiry Commission itself selected the non-official witnesses heard by it.

" (b) The Taxation Enquiry Commission had discussions with the Ministers and Secretaries to Government, and adequate steps were taken to press the view-points of this Government through them."

*Recommendations of the Industrial Health Advisory Committee.*

* 1328 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri N. Ramakrishna Ayyar is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Union Government have made any recommendations to this Government to take steps to reduce the incidence of occupational diseases and health hazards in various industries ; and

(b) if so, what the State Government have done to implement the recommendations?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have forwarded to this Government the recommendations of the Industrial Health Advisory Committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research for the creation of an Industrial Health Council and an Industrial Health Organization in all Major States having large scale industries.

" (b) The proposal is under the consideration of this Government."

*Construction of bridges over the rivers Udayavar, Mulki and Pavanje between Mangalore and Udipi.*

* 1329 Q.—SRI L. C. PAIS (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations during the visit of the Hon. Finance Minister to South Kanara that bridges over the rivers Udayavar, Mulki and Pavanje should be built between Mangalore and Udipi ;

(b) whether there was an offer of Rs. 25 lakhs or the estimated cost as a loan to take up these works ;

(c) whether there was a suggestion to collect tolls even after the construction of these bridges to make up a part of the cost; and

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(*d*) if so, the decisions taken by Government in respect of the above?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) & (*c*) There was no formal offer, Sir, on that occasion.

" (*d*) Does not arise. I may, however, add that the Government of India were requested to give a special grant to enable the State Government to take up the three bridges and they have agreed to meet the full cost of the works subject to maxima of Rs. 11 lakhs for the Pavanji bridge, Rs. 11·70 lakhs for the Mulki bridge and Rs. 15·60 lakhs for the Udayavar bridge. They have also stipulated that the works should not be commenced without their technical approval and financial sanction of the detailed estimates. The Chief Engineer has been asked to send the detailed estimates and plans."

*Sithayancottai Water-supply Scheme for Dindigul.*

* 1330 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY (on behalf of Sri V. Madanagopal) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Dindigul Municipal Council have sought financial help from the Government for the Sithayancottai Water-supply Scheme for Dindigul; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The plans and estimates for the scheme are now under preparation and after they are ready, the question of financing the scheme will be considered."

*Raising of State loans for financing development schemes.*

* 1331 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government recently sought information from the Government of India as to how the programme of the State for raising loans for its own development plans was to be fitted in with the National Loans?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. The position is that the National Plan Loan has been issued for financing the development schemes of India as a whole, and the Government of India have agreed to make available to this Government adequate sums for financing the capital expenditure included in the State Plan. There will, therefore, be no separate issue of the Madras Loan in this year."